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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Rickey D. Hart
For: SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- 5 sheets of drawings.
 An assignment of the invention to: _____
 A verified statement to establish small entity status.
 REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Basic Fee				\$0.00		\$750.00
Total Claims	4 - 20	0	x \$ 9.00	0.00	x \$18.00	0.00
Ind. Claims	2 - 3	0	x \$40.00	0.00	x \$80.00	0.00
Mult. Claims			+ \$135.00		+ \$270.00	
Total \$750.00						

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 16-0221 to cover the filing fee and assignment recording fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
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IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)
CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Rickey D. Hart
Serial No.: 09/742,023
Filing Date: 12/20/2000
Title: SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner: M. Thaler
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-4 CON 7

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/742,023 filed 12/20/00 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 09/309,072 filed 05/10/99 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/851,528 filed 8/21/98 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/851,528 filed 1/21/98 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/851,528 filed 5/5/97 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/443,093 filed 5/17/95 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/375,129 filed 1/19/95 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE, which is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 08/097,154 filed 7/26/93 by Rickey D. Hart for SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE.

Submitted with this request are the following:

1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 08/097,154 (including specification, claims, drawings, a signed Declaration, and a signed Verified Statement Claiming Small Business Entity Status) as originally filed;
2. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said prior application Serial No. 08/097,154 is a complete and true copy; and
3. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on July 21, 2003 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the pending prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventor named in this continuation application is the same inventor named in the prior application Serial No. 08/097,154.

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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed January 21, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 21, 2003 to July 21, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$ 930.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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